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HE BUILDETH HIS HOUSE

He hewed him the gray cold rock
To make the foundations under.
The walls and the towers should lock
Past the power of the earth to sunder,
Then, masking the bastions' frown,
Art came, embroidered and gilded
That beauty and joy might crown
The palace which power had builded.

God sighed: "*Why build so tall
Thy prison wall?*"

THE POET'S PART

It is a little world where poets dwell—
A little, hidden world; and few there be
Who know its sign or language, or can tell
Whence come the visions that the poets see.
The great world beats about it heedlessly,
With things to win, to own, to buy, to sell,
With myriad cares that leave no mortal free,
With hopes that spur and bafflements that quell.

Yet ever does the great world in its might
Swing onward through the darkness by the light